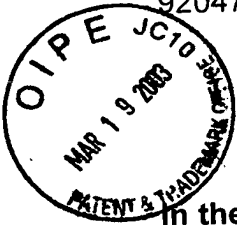


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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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In the application of : D J Stacey et al
Serial No. : 09/416,679
Filed : October 12, 1999
For : ATM Common Part Sub-Layer Device and Method
Examiner : T L Lee
Art Unit : 2697

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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, applicant requests that the application be amended as detailed below.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1, 4 and 13 without prejudice. Amend claims 2, 3, 5, 14, 16 and 17 as follows:-

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2. (Amended) A common part sublayer (CPS) ATM adaptation device, for interfacing between a narrow band network and a broad band network said device